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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

TRICIA WACHSMUTH,	)
Plaintiff,	) ) 10-CV-041-J
vs.	)
CITY OF POWELL, ET AL.	)
Defendants.	)

## DEFENDANTS' PRELIMINARY JOINT EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATION

The Defendants hereby submit their preliminary expert witness designation in accordance with the Scheduling Order.

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1. K. Thor Eells

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Mr. Eells is an expert in the area of law enforcement training and enforcement;

specifically SWAT training, practice and procedure. He has a broad base of knowledge and

expertise stemming from his extensive education, training and experience in this area. His

experience and expertise in this area, as well as a review of the records and pleadings in this

case, form the basis for Mr. Eells opinions. All opinions are to a reasonable degree of

probability within the field. Mr. Eells Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto and includes a list

of cases as required by the rules. Mr. Eells Fee Schedule and CV are attached as Exhibits A

and B.

Mr. Eells will testify that the actions of the officers in executing the warrant in

question were reasonable, appropriate and well within the standard. Mr. Eells has not had an

opportunity to review the depositions, as the transcripts were not available until yesterday for

the first round of depositions and the other depositions have not yet been taken. Mr. Eells

will review the depositions and supplement his opinions.

Mr. Eells will testify that the policies, procedures and training were appropriate. He

will also testify that the amount of force and type of entry utilized were justified under the

circumstances of this case. Mr. Eells has prepared an initial report attached hereto as

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Exhibit C. He will supplement that report and his opinions upon review of the depositions and other relevant documents. It is assumed that the deposition of Mr. Eells will be taken, and the contents thereof are incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Eells will also testify in rebuttal to Plaintiff's expert's opinions and he reserves the right to testify in rebuttal of any testimony offered by any party at trial.

2. The Defendants:

Tim Feathers

**Chad Miner** 

Mike Cretien

Roy Eckerdt

Dave Brown

Mike Hall

**Brett Lara** 

Matt McCaslin

Alan Kent

Matthew Danzer

Matt Brilakis

Lee Blackmore

Cody Bradley

Kirk Chapman

The Defendants in this case are all peace officers with education, training and experience in the area of police practice. They will testify that their actions were reasonable and appropriate. They may offer opinions about reasonable police practice and may also provide opinions and testimony about the training, policies and procedures of the police department.

The Defendants reserve the right to call the expert witnesses listed by the other parties

in this case and rebuttal witnesses. The Defendants also reserve the right to call any witness

necessary for foundation for any exhibit to be introduced at trial. The Defendants further

reserve the right to list additional experts based on an independent medical/psychological

exam to be conducted within the time allowed by the Court.

**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010.

/s/ Misha Westby

Misha Westby, WSB No. 6-2826 Senior Assistant Attorney General

/s/ Thomas A. Thompson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010, the foregoing was filed electronically via CM/ECF which sent notification to the following individuals:

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